

### ***Remarks***

The specification has been amended to correct obvious typographical errors and to insert sequence identifiers corresponding to disclosed sequences. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus no new matter has been added. More particularly, support for the proposed changes to Figure 2 can be found in SEQ ID NO:7 as originally filed.

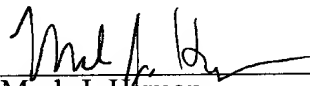
### ***Conclusion***

Entry and consideration of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicant would expedite the examination of this application.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, should a fee be due, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above or in the Petition for an Extension of Time submitted concurrently herewith, such an extension is requested and the appropriate fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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